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CENTRAL DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS

1965/1966

KUPIANO

Report No.

Officer Conducting
Patrol

Area Patrolled

3 - 1965/1966

H.K. Mack

Marshall Lagoon

4 - 1965/1966

M.B. Charlesworth

Part Cloudy Bay Census Div.

MAGAKIDA

3 - 1965/1966

H.K. Mack

Mailu-Dimuga Census Div.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of CENTRAL Report No. 2 of 1965/66

Patrol Conducted by H. K. Mack, Cadet Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled MAILU - DIMUGA CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Mr. P. I. Rofe, Cadet Patrol Officer.
4 Constables P.P.N.G.C.
Natives Interpreter
Agricultural Assistant (DIMUGA Area only)

Duration—From 12/1/1966 to 22/2/1966.

Number of Days 37

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services October 1965

Medical / /19

Map Reference Abau 4-Mile Series

Objects of Patrol Compilation of new Census Register, Decimal Currency
and Multi-Racial Council Education, Routing Administration.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £

Amount paid from F.E.D.P. Trust Fund

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Over 13		Females in Child Birth
M	F	

67-6-3

10th May, 1966.

**The Director,
Department of District Administration,
Konedobu.**

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Mr. H.K.MACK P.O.**

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All in all, a good report.

RT Galloway
(R.T.GALLOWAY) *ln*
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.C.D.

encl.

Assistant District Commissioner.

67-1-39

4th July, 1966.

District Commissioner,
Central District,
PORT MORESBY.

MAGARIDA PATROL REPORT NO. 3/1965-66.

Thank you for your memorandum 67-6-3 of 10th May 1966, together with Mr. Mack's patrol report.

2. Mr. Mack has accomplished the tasks set him and submitted a detailed and informative report.
3. It is a pity that in this day and age men like Aidan and Dankan are still trying to pervert the Jullible local people into believing fanciful stories.

(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

Assistant District Commissioner.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply
Please Quote

No. 67-6-3



Department of District Administration,
District Office,
P.O. Box 776
Port Moresby,
Central District.

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(R.T. GALLOWAY) 48/10
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER. C.D.

encl.

Assistant District Commissioner.

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Sub-District Office,
Kupiano,
MARSHALL LAGOON.

29th April, 1966.

The District Commissioner,
P.O. Box 776,
Central District,
PORT MORESBY.

MAGARIDA PATROL REPORT No.3 OF 1956/1966.

Two copies of the above report together with camping allowance claim and patrol map enclosed.

Delay in forwarding the report is regretted, but the report and census statistics were only received last week.

Mr. Mack has apparently conducted a good patrol in an efficient manner. I feel Mr. Rofe must have gained some valuable experience in field work from having accompanied the patrol.

The patrol was unable to compile a new tax-census register, as from collection Kupiano.

The attitude displayed towards the local M.H.A. is one which is common throughout the subdistrict. Attitudes towards multi-racial participation are as expected, there are, and have been, good inter racial relations through the Magarida area.

The changeover to decimal currency has been remarkably well managed by the people. I know of no instances of contempt for the new currency, and found that the majority of people I have talked with find the system much easier and intelligible than the old.

The cargo cult activity finally settled at Komania in the Baniara subdistrict. The movement is not a new one, it has been part and parcel of the Daga area since the advent of christian teaching in the area. These have been no reports since about March, I believe that the deity was due to arrive at Komania on about March first. The movement will probably wane for a time.

N. D. Lucas

(N.D. LUCAS)
Assistant District Commissioner.

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Patrol Post,
MAGARIDA.

31st December, 1965.

Mr. H. Mack,
Cadet Patrol Officer,
MAGARIDA.

MAGARIDA PATROL NO. 3/1965-1966

Please prepare to commence a patrol of the Amazon Bay Census Division on about the 12th January, 1966.

Mr. P. Rofe, Cadet Patrol Officer, is to accompany the patrol.

The objects of the patrol will be :-

1. Census revision. The current census records are practically unintelligible due to the fact that names and information have been incorrectly and illegibly entered. New tax census register forms have been received and these are to be used to re-compile the register.

I want each village group recorded by separate clan groups, each clan group being broken down into family groups. When compiling the register leave plenty of space for future entries. Pay particular attention to correct spelling of names and correct recording of birth dates. People in the coastal, and some inland villages will be able to assist on these points, they are able to spell their names correctly and in most cases hold mission birth records which you should consult. Do not hesitate to seek information from the village people themselves on such of these matters about which you have doubts.

Absenteeism should be accurately recorded, try to ascertain the whereabouts of absent people.

2. Decimal Currency. Explain at length the currency conversion programme. Try to ascertain doubts and misapprehensions held by the people about this matter and try to diminish their doubts by careful but simple explanation. Encourage enquiries, it is better to have the people seek information from Administration officers than to have them try to rationalise the change themselves.
3. Local Government. The Amazon Bay Local Government Council is shortly to become multi-racial. Reconstitution of the Council will result in ward representation rather than village representation. All natural persons fulfilling residential qualifications will become eligible to pay tax, vote and nominate for election to the council. Thus eligibility to participate in the Council will extend to qualified European residents and foreign labourers and residents of the area.

Explain these points fully to the people. You may also

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Indicate that with a wider range of interested constituents and consequently a wider range of managerial, executive and skilled ability available, the Council should benefit greatly from the change with consequent benefits extending to all the people. Encourage discussion on this matter, and also spend some time on detailed but simple explanations of Council mechanics and administration.

It is anticipated that the elections for the newly constituted council will be held sometime after March 31st. Make this known to the people and advise them that a pre-election patrol will be conducted to receive nominations and to explain again the system of wards and the general system of the newly constituted council.

Before you depart familiarise yourself with the proposed ward boundaries so that you may be able to explain the proposed constitution.

4. Try to assess the effect, if any, throughout the Dimuga villages of cargo cult type thought and practice. This type of activity occurs spasmodically in the Daga area of the Baniara subdistrict, adjacent to the Amazon Bay Dimuga area. I believe there is a current revival of activity and it may be to our benefit to gauge the effect on our area. Villages which may have something to offer are EVIAUWA, IOIOK and ARAU, but do not confine your observations to these villages alone. Direct investigation will probably be fruitless, but your observations of village life and routine and religious activity may indicate some unusual activity about which you may be able to investigate. Constable Dotau, who comes from Arau, may be of some assistance, but do not rely on him completely.

I want you to start your patrol in the coastal villages in close proximity to Magarida. Some of these may be done as day trips from the station. This will allow us to discuss any matters concerning your duties here prior to my departure for Kupiano. When conducting your patrol for extended periods away from Magarida normal station management duties may be safely left to the clerk Momo Rabura.

There is no time limit on this patrol. The patrol should be completed, reports and statistics compiled, prior to your return to Kupiano.

Mr. Behr will be returning to duty about the end of February, you are to hand over to Mr. Behr on his return.

A good deal of sea travel by power canoe is entailed in this patrol, we will discuss this fully later. However, I hope it is not necessary to impress upon you that risks should not be taken in open seas. While travelling in open sea always carry both outboard motors with you, one as a spare, more than sufficient fuel, and always advise someone of your destinations and estimated arrival times. The Table Bay and Orangerie Bay areas are particularly treacherous for small craft, so beware.

N. D. Lucas,
DISTRICT OFFICER.

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Patrol Post,
MAGARIDA, Papua.

26th February, 1966.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
MARSHALL LAGOON.

MAGARIDA PATROL NO. 3 OF 1965/66
TO MAILU - DIMUGA CENSUS DIVISION

Introduction:

- (1) The primary objects of this patrol were to visit all villages in the Mailu Dimuga Census Division, and, as per Patrol Instruction:--
 - (a) Compile a new census register to replace the present one which is, to say the least, a rather confusing jumble of names. This was done, breaking down villages into clans and then to family lines.
 - (b) Conduct an education programme on Decimal Currency. I do not think that this met with a great deal of success, although it was reduced to the simplest possible terms.
 - (c) A discussion with all villages in connexion with the multi-racial council for which the Amazon Bay Council will shortly be changing its constitution. Also included with this was a general brief talk on the functions of a Council. One other subject discussed with reference to Local Government Councils was the possibility of the amalgamation of the Amazon Bay Council with the Cloudy Bay (ABAU) Council.
 - (d) Investigation of the activities of two BANIARA men, AIDAN and DANKAN, the former an ex-Administration school teacher and the other a carpenter. These two men have been travelling through the DIMUGA area, apparently trying to get followers for a rather off-beat religious cult.
 - (e) General and routine administration, including courts, etc.
- (2) All villages visited are members of the Amazon Bay Council and it was interesting to note the difference of council interest between the inland (DIMUGA) and the coastal (MAILU) people.

The DIMUGA people have received little of material value from the council and consequently took little interest in the functions of the council apart from using the meetings which I held as a forum from which to voice their complaints.
- (3) Interest and the reception of the patrol varied

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TO MAILU - DIMUGA CENSUS DIVISION

considerably from village to village. There was no set distinction apparent to me between the MAILU and DIMUGA people.

- (4) The type of country passed through by this patrol varied from the islands and coastal villages of the MAILU people, to the often rugged and mountainous terrain of the DIMUGA people. The areas surrounding the former villages were usually well planted with coconuts and the latter by thick rain forest.
- (5) Movements of the patrol were by Administration work boat, m.v. "LOLORDA"; out board, paddle and sail canoes in the coastal area. Inland movements were effected largely by walking and a little by raft. The station tractor and trailer were also used on two occasions.
- (6) The patrol was of a routine nature and there is nothing out of the ordinary or expected to report.

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PREAMBLE

MAGARIDA PATROL POST
Ahaui Sub-District,
Central District.

Patrol No. - 3 of 1965/66
Patrol Conducted by - H. K. Mack, Cadet Patrol Officer.
Area Patrolled - Mailu - Dimuga Census Division.
Personnel Accompanying - Mr. P. I. Rofe, Cadet Patrol Officer.
Mr. Matiwa Lomelome Agriculture Asst.
Mr. Auwasi, Farmer Trainee.
4 Constables R.P.N.G.C.
Mr. Eunu More, Interpreter.
Duration of Patrol - Commenced 12/1/66, completed 22/2/66
a total of 37 days.
Last Patrol to the Area - 1965 - L.G. Elections.
Objects of Patrol - 1. Compilation of New Census Register.
2. Multi Racial Council Education.
3. Decimal Currency Education.
4. Routine Administration.
Map Reference - ABAU 4 Mile Series.

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PATROL DIARY

- 12/1/66 Compiled new census for KULELE village,
0830 - 1600 hours.
Local Government and Decimal Currency
talks given. Slept station.
- 13/1/66 0730 - 0815 to LALUORO Island per Station
canoe. Census, Local Government and decimal
Currency.
1730 hours to MAILU Island. Arrived 1815 hrs.
Slept MAILU Rest House.
- 14/1/66 0800 - 1830 hrs. MAILU Census.
Slept MAILU Rest House.
- 15/1/66 0930 - 1200 hrs. Decimal Currency and Local
Govt. talks.
Slept MAILU Rest House.
- 16/1/66 Sunday.
1000 - 1115 hrs. returned MAGARIDA per Station canoe.
1400 - 1530 hrs. MAGARIDA to DEREBAI per station
canoe.
Slept DEREBAI Rest House.
- 17/1/66 Census etc. DEREBAI and AROANA villages at DEREBAI
1700 - 1830 Returned per station canoe to MAGARIDA.
Slept MAGARIDA.
- 18/1/66 Station duties.
- 19/1/66 By canoe to LOUPOM Island. Census, etc. conducted.
Slept MAGARIDA.
- 20/1/66
to
21/1/66 Station duties.
- 22/1/66 1100 Departed for MUNORO ISLAND per hire canoe
(MR. P. COWLEY of LOUPOM IS.)
Arrived 1230 hrs.
Completed census etc. at 1500 hrs.
1500 - 1700 hrs. canoe to BOREBO.
Slept BOREBO Rest House.
- 23/1/66 Sunday - observed.
Slept BOREBO Rest House.
- 24/1/66 Census etc., BOREBO, UROANA, UNEVI, and DAGOBO
villages at BOREBO.
Walked BOREBO - SABIRIBO. 1600 - 1800 hrs.
Slept SABIRIBO Rest House.
- 25/1/66 Census etc., SABIRIBO, PEDILI and MAIVA villages
at SABIRIBO village.
Slept SABIRIBO village.

PATROL DIARY

- 26/1/66 0800 Departed for ONIONI per canoe.
Arrived 0930.
1000 hrs. - 1530 hrs. Census, etc. at ONIONI
for ONIONI and GEAGEA villages.
1600 - 2000 hrs. to TANOBADA village per
transport (tractor trailer and truck) kindly
arranged by Manager, MAMAI plantation.
Slept TANOBADA Rest House.
- 27/1/66 Census etc., TANOBADA and KEBEI villages at
TANOBADA.
P.M. Walked to ILAI village via MAMAI plantation.
Departed 1330 hrs. arrived 1530 hrs.
Slept ILAI Rest House.
- 28/1/66 Census etc. ILAI and KEAKARO villages at ILAI.
1130 - 1300 hrs. Walked to KEAKARO.
per paddle canoe - KEAKARO - OIBADA village.
Arrived 1530 hrs. 1530 - 1630 hrs. Walked to
NABAI village.
Slept NABAI Rest House.
- 29/1/66 Census etc., OIBADA, NABAI, ORI, and GOGO villages
at NABAI.
Completed 1300 hrs.
1030 hrs. Conversation Mr. N. Lucas, A.D.C. at
Marshall Lagoon re movements of m.v. "LOLORUA".
Slept NABAI Rest House.
- 30/1/66 Sunday.
0700 LOLORUA arrived to remove patrol to MAGARIDA.
Departed NABAI 1100 hrs. arrived 1330 hrs.
Slept MAGARIDA.
- 31/1/66 Australia Day - Public Holiday.
General Office Work.
- 1/2/66 Station Duties.
- 2/2/66 1100 hrs. - 1330 hrs. Station to Dalava village
per m.v. "LOLORUA".
Discussions etc. with villagers.
Slept DALAVA Rest House.
- 3/2/66 Census, etc. DALAVA and LABU villages at DALAVA.
Slept DALAVA Rest House.
- 4/2/66 0500 Broke Camp.
0600 Walked to BONUA village. Arrived 1100 hrs.
1530 hrs. - 1900 hrs. census, etc. BONUA.
Slept BONUA (Mission house - as rest blown over
shortly before arrival of patrol).
- 5/2/66 0630 hrs. Walked direct track to ARAU village
arriving at 1700 hrs.
Slept ARAU Rest House.
- 6/2/66 Sunday - observed.
Slept ARAU Rest House.
- 7/2/66 Census, Local Government etc. at ARAU village.
Slept ARAU Rest House.

PATROL DIARY

- 8/2/66 0800 Walked to POTAN new village site for IGIOK, EVIAUWA and TOPU villages. Arrived 0900. Censused IGIOK. Runner sent to instruct EVIAUWA and TOPU people to come to POTAN as there is no rest house at either village. Slept POTAN Rest House.
- 9/2/66 A.M. Census EVIAUWA and TOPU villages. P.M. Local Government and Decimal Currency. Organised construction of rafts for trip to MAGORI. Slept at POTAN Rest House.
- 10/2/66 0830 - 0930 Walked to ARAU village. 1200 - 1700 By raft ARAU - MAGORI. Slept MAGORI Rest House.
- 11/2/66 A.M. Census, local Government etc. for MAGORI, DEBA and LAUA villages at MAGORI. P.M. Courts. (Many in this village) Slept MAGORI Rest House.
- 12/2/66 Walked to NUNUMAI - MAGARIDA road where patrol was uplifted by station tractor. Walked: 0700 - 0800. Tractor 0830 - 0930. Slept Station.
- 13/2/66 Sunday - Station duties.
- 14/2/66 By tractor to NUNUMAI 1000 - 1230 hrs. Census at NUNUMAI. Slept NUNUMAI village.
- 15/2/66 Walked to DERIA village 0700 - 1000 hrs. Census, Local Government etc. Slept DERIA rest House.
- 16/2/66 Walked to new KERIA village site 0730 - 900 and on to the rest house at Central rest house for KERIA, DOVETA, DOGON Census, etc. for the above three villages. Returned to DERIA arriving at 1800 hrs. Slept DERIA Rest House.
- 17/2/66 0800 - 1130 Walked to DEIGAM village. Census etc. DEIGAM. Slept DEIGAM Rest House.
- 18/2/66 0800 - 1100 Walked to VEROI. Heavy rain prevented census, etc. Slept VEROI Rest House.
- 19/2/66 Census etc. at VEROI, for VEROI, IGUP and NORA villages. 1400 - 1630 Returned to DEIGAM. Slept DEIGAM Rest House.
- 20/2/66 Sunday - observed.
- 21/2/66 Walked DEIGAM - GABURU 0730 - 1130. Census etc. for GABURU and KADAULO villages. 1700 - 1800 Walked to NUNUMAI village. Slept NUNUMAI.
- 22/2/66 0800 - 1000 hrs. Local Government and Decimal Currency talks at NUNUMAI. 1000 - 1230 hrs. Returned to Station per tractor.

END OF PATROL.

RECEPTION OF PATROL.

The patrol was at least reasonably well received in all villages, especially when compared with an area such as Marshall Lagoon, my previous posting. Some of the coastal people were hardly enthusiastic about the tedium of census although they showed considerable interest in the Local Government and Decimal Currency talks.

Carriers were found with little trouble in all villages where they were required, apart from the IOICK - RVIAUWA group.

Fresh foods were purchased in reasonable quantities with a similar lack of persuasion.

Generally speaking, I am pleased to report, the patrol was assisted by and received with some measure of co-operation by all villages.

VILLAGES.

Most houses were reasonably well constructed and few were in need of repairs. An exception to this is BONUA village which suffered from a severe blow recently, completely demolishing six houses (including the rest house) and damaging others. This happened shortly before the arrival of the patrol but rebuilding was already in progress.

Houses are built almost entirely of native materials, apart from the occasional corrugated iron roof on Co-operative Stores and Mission buildings.

Villages were invariably clean and the grass surroundings well cut. This could have been due to the ample warning villagers had of the patrol's approach.

It was pleasing to note effective pig fences at ILAI, BORREBO and MAGORI villages. However the rest houses are situated outside the pig fence except at ILAI, resulting in considerable annoyance for the occupants.

Toilet facilities were few and far between. This did not particularly concern me as they are very rarely used when they are available. I do not think that hygiene suffers as a result of this lack.

Water is supplied to most villages by rapidly flowing creeks and streams. The island villages (MAILU, LALURO, LOUPOM and EUNORO) have wells which appear to keep up with the water demand. KULELE and MAILU have the additional refinement of windmills. The others have hand pumps. All water supplies are close to the villages and no excessive walking is involved to obtain water.

POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

POLITICAL

All villages visited are members of the AMAZON BAY LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL. Individuals appeared quite interested in what they could get out of the Council in the way of aid-posts, water supplies etc., but few seemed to realize the significance of the council in connexion with overall unity of Papua New Guinea and being part of the "government" represented by the Patrol Officer. The impression that most seemed to hold was that the Local Government Council was rather like a club which had no other purpose than to give them something for little contribution and individual effort. As long as they had a councillor from their area, that was all the effort which they had to contribute, apart from the yearly tax. Steps were taken with limited success to rectify this.

The AMAZON BAY COUNCIL is undergoing an important change to that of a Multi-Racial Council. In the MAILU villages this was accepted enthusiastically. The people appeared to realize the possible advantages of having a European or Mixed-Race man on the Council, talking for them with his possibly more educated and executive ability.

The DIMUGA people did not seem to have any real feelings on the matter. When asked directly whether they considered the idea sound they naturally said "yes". This attitude could be largely due to the fact that the multi-racial council will not directly affect them in that they have no Europeans or people from other districts living in their wards.

An attitude prevalent in the MAILU area was, I quote, "We want a European councillor because BIRONA ABE, our MHA member never visits us or does anything for us in the House of Assembly". The apparent lines upon which they base this are that the European Members achieve some measure of success for their constituents. Even present councillors are saying this. In that respect it shows rather a lack of confidence in their own people. This BIRONA ABE question was mentioned only once in the DIMUGA area, at DEIGAM village.

After complete explanation had been given of what was meant by a Multi-Racial Council, the people appeared to agree with the idea. As I said before, the MAILU people enthusiastically and the DIMUGA people rather indifferently.

The amalgamation of the Amazon Bay Council with the Cloudy Bay Council was discussed in most villages. People were in the most part quite enthusiastic about this idea but looked on it rather as they, the strong Council were helping Cloudy Bay, the weak Council. This line of thought I think occurred because of reference to the greater number of people in the Amazon Bay area and also to the difficulties involved in the Administration of the Cloudy Bay Council.

ECONOMIC.

Copra, Coffee, small scale fishing and arm shell manufacture appear to be the basic income earners for the area apart from villagers venturing to other areas and obtaining plantation work. The DIMUGA people are the major coffee growers and have many people working on plantations at Samarai, Cocolands and Kairuku. The Mailu Island people are apparently the sole manufacturers of armshells which are sold in Moresby. The MAILU people produce almost all of the

ECONOMIC (Contd.)

copra in this area.

No production figures were gathered on this patrol, partially due to a lack of time and also that I imagine the D.A.S.F. people here at MAGARIDA would have full particulars of these.

Discussions were held in all DIMUGA villages by Mr. MATIWA LOMELOME, Agriculture Assistant, with reference to the BAILEBO Re-settlement Blocks, including information on obtaining blocks and loans to cover initial operations. I think it is true that these discussions were well received.

There is opportunity for both the MAILU and DIMUGA people to earn a remarkable income if they are prepared to stir themselves and make a little extra effort. The average man, however, appears content to earn enough to buy the occasional luxury item such as a bucket or a stick of twist tobacco and sit back, relying on a subsistence farming existence.

AGRICULTURE.

In all villages visited food supply from gardens was adequate and no abnormal plant diseases were reported. Gardens supply village adequately.

Agriculture conditions are good as far as soil and rainfall are concerned. Many of the coastal and inland villages have to make their gardens on the sides of quite steep slopes. However they do have their own system of terracing, using fallen tree trunks to prevent excessive soil erosion.

The VEROI, IGUP, and DEIGAM people, do on occasions, bring English potatoes and tomatoes to the station for sale.

Other cash crops, copra and coffee I have already briefly discussed.

LIVESTOCK.

Most villages have an excellent supply of pigs for their own use, but few are sold to other villages or areas. Incidentally pigs are in common use as a form of currency for bride price, canoe purchase, etc.

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

Co-operative Association stores are situated in almost every coastal village but there are none in the DIMUGA area. I am told that these are operating at a good profit.

Native trade stores are few. Those that are operating are very small and rarely sell more than meat, matches, rice and tobacco. I did not find any owners buying their goods at wholesale prices direct from Port Moresby. They prefer to buy from the Co-operative Stores or the Trade Store at MOGUBO Plantation.

DECIMAL CURRENCY.

Decimal Currency talks were given in all villages visited. These were kept as simple as possible, but I am afraid much confusion exists in the minds of many which will only be eliminated by practical experience with dollars and cents. To illustrate the difficulties involved I should like to say that when asked directly, "How many shillings in one pound?" there were often confused expressions on faces and hurried consultations with near neighbours! This example applies to the DIMUGA people. Another factor increasing the difficulty of educating these people is the simple fact that they never learnt the "two times" table. Their method of doubling a number by use of fingers works quite well up to ten.

The educational aids available to the patrol were chalk and several hundred copies of a small booklet in simple English and in Pidgin. Motu editions were not available.

During the last two weeks of the patrol our task was assisted greatly by actually showing the people the new money. They were extremely interested although often skeptical whether in fact it was real money, particularly the paper money. One standard question was: "Why is the old money being changed?" How can one explain this to people without the slightest knowledge of decimals?

There was general feeling at the completion of meetings that all knew what the basic unit, the dollar, was and how much it was worth but the idea of 1d=1c and 10c= 1/- caused much confusion. However I think that the basic idea that they will be neither gaining nor losing has been fairly firmly implanted. Many people said that what they did not understand then, they would soon learn when they started using the money. I am inclined to agree with this.

COURTS.

There were many matters brought to the attention of the patrol. Some of these were settled by arbitration and others are awaiting court action. Included in the latter are some fifteen bad debt courts from MAGORI village. Apparently these people were paid £9,400 for land in 1964 and very generously lent amounts to others in sums ranging from £5 - £25. Now they are finding it very difficult to get this money back.

HEALTH.

Generally of a firstly high standard. These did not seem to be any particular excess of 'visible' diseases such as sipoma.

Aid posts are provided in some areas by the Amazon Bay Council but some difficulty is being experienced in obtaining suitable staff.

ROAD AND WALKING TRACKS.

The only tractor standard road is the one from Magarida to Nunumai village. This is badly in need of repair in several sections where it has been damaged by the tractor. Grass and secondary growth have narrowed the road considerably and this is badly in need of cutting. I have already suggested that the Council organize the major users of this road, people from Loupon, Magori, and Nunumai, to do this. One or two days with the entire population turning out would bring this road up to a high standard.

Walking tracks are in good condition where there are walking tracks and not river beds which are often used as "roads".

One track, which I strongly recommend not using is the direct 'road' from Arau to Bonua. This path has never been properly made and largely follows creek and river beds. The Arau - Laua - Bonua path is, I believe, quite good, longer in distance but shorter in time.

CENSUS.

Co-operation was received from all people and there were few absentees without reasonable excuse.

A new census Register was compiled by this patrol. Deaths since the last census were impossible to record with any measure of accuracy and as a result there are no statistics recorded. 'Births recorded' and 'Migrations in and out' met with similar difficulties but an effort has been made to record these.

ANTHROPOLOGICAL.

Investigations were made into the activities of two Rabaraba men, Aidan and Dankan Kedada the former from Boianan village and the latter from Mikava. Aidan was a carpenter in the Cape Rodney area and Dankan a teacher. They apparently conducted a 'pilgrimage' from this area back to their villages telling people about the 'real' Jesus Christ.

Information gathered varied considerably from place to place but I have endeavoured to sort this out and have listed the main points below:--

- (1) After creating a disturbance among labour at Cape Rodney the two men travelled to DALAVA village where they had the first of a series of meetings.
- (2) The basis of these meetings was the 'real truth' about Jesus Christ. They had pictures of the man they were claiming to be Christ. These were apparently photographs, not drawings, approximately 18" x 12" in size. They contained a picture of a native wearing a bark 'sihi', nothing else; holding

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a string bag containing betel nut and a lime pot. His teeth were stained from eating betel nut. Some say that he had a beard, others say he didn't. Some also said that he looked like a person from the GINUMAN linguistic group. These pictures were shown at all meetings. People attending these meetings were told that Christ was as shown in the photograph and he was born in the GINUMAN area. Some said they were told that this Christ had gone to Australia and other European countries and given the people there the secret to obtaining aeroplanes, motor cars, etc. He was now returning to give his own people this secret. This would only be given to people who showed their faith by destroying all European goods in their possession and believed in all that was said. In the last village visited by the patrol, Nunumai, the L.M.S. Pastor said that he had heard that this date of return was going to be March 1st at KAKAIA village near KOMANIA airstrip. At the time of writing this report nothing has been heard from KOMANIA. Other reports indicated that the return would be in the six months, January to June of this year.

- (3) From DALAVA village the men moved on to BONUA, ARAU, TOIOK, EVIAUWA and then into the KOMANIA. This took place in late December 1965, and they held meetings in all villages.

In early February they returned to the area and walked through KERIA, DOVETA, DOGON (old village sites) by - passed DERIA and DEIGAM, walking direct to VEROI and NORA. From here they were reported as having gone to BABAFABA or GADAISSU. A further check with GADAISSU plantation revealed no evidence that they had been there. Meetings were again held in all villages.

- (4) Happenings that were put down to the power of AIDAN and DANKAN and their cause, includes:-
- (a) a severe wind which destroyed six houses at BONUA, including the rest house. People from other villages believe that this was caused because some did not believe what AIDAN and DANKAN were saying. Their houses were blown down. There is no evidence to support this.
 - (b) At ARAU constable KONENE's hat 'Jumped' off his head when talking to them. His hat did in fact fall off.
 - (c) AIDAN or DANKAN (I'm not certain which), lost his comb in the BAILEBO river at ARAU. He then said that the river would flood. It did and it was not surprising to some that the patrol experienced considerable difficulty in crossing the river here.
- (5) All of the above information was gained from various people in the area, and all claimed that they had only heard about it. None would admit going to the meetings.

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- (5) I also think that those who discussed it freely were not believers in it. Many claimed they knew nothing at all about it including the Councillors from LERIA, DEIGAM, VEROI and NORA. Some of these later admitted that they had heard about it. It is my view that these men at least partially believed in what was said.
- (6) It would be impossible to gauge the number of 'believers' from what I have learnt, I am sure they are in the distinct minority in the DIMUGA area. I never saw any direct evidence of people practising any ritual or casting off all things manufactured by Europeans.

CONCLUSION.

Apart from the DIMUGA cult activity there is little to report of an extraordinary nature.

It is my hope that all objectives of the patrol were satisfactorily completed and reported on.

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APPENDIX "A"

CENSUS STATISTICS

As per attached forms.

APPENDIX "B"ROYAL PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA CONSTABULARY.

Four members of the R.P.N.G.C. accompanied the patrol. Their names and my comments are as follows:-

Const. Kave : Reasonably reliable. Not particularly strong. Does not show much knowledge of drill.

Const. Jakita: Shows some initiative on occasions.

Const. Dotau : Reliable. Very casual toward drill.

Const. Sergius: A good policeman.

APPENDIX "C"

Patrol map (attached).